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of this report, then in my humble opinion we are opening the door for partisan manipulation of committee memberships. I think this is an important issue. What this body decides today about this question will in a large manner determine the role that standing committees play in our legislative process in the future. Again, Mr. Chairman, I would encourage your rejection of the report as filed. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb. Is Senator Lamb in the Chamber?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I also have reservations about switching committee members at this point. I know we have done it in the case of resignations and deaths but I think if we start doing it for any other reason then we are opening up something that we will be sorry for later, and what will happen is at the beginning of every session instead of every other session, we will, in effect, be organizing our Legislature. Now the other day when we debated rules, I offered the rule which stated that we would adopt the rules for two years instead of one year so we wouldn't get into the hassle over rules every year and, therefore, save a lot of time. I think to be consistent we should do the same thing with committees and not start reorganizing committees every year. As I see it, this is the first step in that direction. So I would urge that the committee report would be rejected.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to explain my position on this a little. Senator Newell came to me and wanted to know if it would be all right if he could get off of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and I told him that I didn't see any reason why he couldn't. Then Senator Johnson came to me and wanted to know if it would be all right if he served on this committee, and trying to accommodate these two Senators, I said that it was agreeable to me. Since that time several other Senators have come to me and says, "Do you realize what a precedent we will be setting? If more Senators would do this, we could spend hours and hours debating the issue." And so, therefore, maybe we should look very carefully on this and maybe we should just allow this in the case of a resignation or a death of one of our colleagues. I don't know. It is a tough question to answer and I would like to hear from some of the rest of the Senators on this issue.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely. It would truly help if the Senators would stay in their seats if they have got their lights turned on.